

Program A: Prison Enterprises

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Program Description

The mission of the Prison Enterprises Program is threefold:

- 1) utilize the resources of the department in the production of food, fiber, and other necessary items used by the inmates in order to lower the cost of incarceration;
- 2) provide products and services to state agencies and agencies of parishes, municipalities, and other political subdivisions; and
- 3) provide work opportunities for inmates.

One of the main goals of Prison Enterprises is to maintain self-sufficiency, since no funds are appropriated to sustain its operations. Meeting this goal requires a constant balancing act between technology and labor-intensive approaches to the manufacturing process. In a prison setting, the number of jobs created is the focus, rather than pursuing the latest technology to reduce manpower.

Prison Enterprises has two activities: Industry Operations and Agriculture Operations.

· Industry Operations - The mission of Industry Operations is to utilize inmate labor in the production of low-cost goods and services, which reduce the overall cost of incarceration and save funds for other state agencies, parishes and local government entities. The goals of this activity are:

1. Ensure total customer satisfaction with Prison Enterprises' products and services.
2. Promote and expand private sector involvement in prison-based work programs.
3. Increase the volume of sales to parish and local governmental entities with particular emphasis on correctional institutions.

Prison Enterprises operates seventeen different industries located within eight different adult correctional institutions across the state. The major goal of these operations is to provide quality, low-cost products to the department, thus reducing the cost of incarceration. Inmates, who are normally a financial burden on taxpayers, work to produce a variety of products and services that actually save taxpayer dollars. Prison Enterprises strives to produce goods that meet or exceed the quality of similar products available on state contract, offering them for sale at lower prices.

· Agriculture Operations - The mission of Agriculture Operations is to utilize inmate labor in the production of vegetables that are fed to the inmate population, growing a wide variety of crops sold on the open market and raising stock. The goals of this activity are:

1. Take full advantage of the resources, knowledge, and expertise of other state agencies involved in agriculture operations to improve Prison Enterprises' farming and livestock operations.
2. In livestock, swinery, dairy, and farming operations, realize maximum productivity, manage the costs of production, and meet or exceed state and regional yields for similar operations.
3. Maintain membership or join professional agriculture and livestock organizations to keep abreast of recent developments and advancements through training opportunities, periodicals, and published reports.

Prison Enterprises raises over forty varieties of vegetables that are sold to the various prisons at substantial savings over open market prices. Many are sold on the open market to generate revenue. Range herd operations at several different prisons produce cattle that are sold at public auction. The

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proceeds from these sales are used to procure less expensive cuts of meat for resale to the prisons for feeding inmates. While prison-based agriculture operations have not been historically profitable, they play an important role in the institutional environment: increasing inmate jobs, decreasing the number of security officers necessary to supervise the inmate population; and assisting in basic work ethic development among the inmates.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	20,585,941	20,097,872	20,097,872
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	24,560,575	27,586,808	27,586,808	8,127,060	7,937,254	(19,649,554)
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$24,560,575	\$27,586,808	\$27,586,808	\$28,713,001	\$28,035,126	\$448,318
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$3,124,951	\$3,125,654	\$3,125,654	\$3,248,082	\$3,267,921	\$142,267
Other Compensation	121,317	21,875	21,875	21,875	21,875	0
Related Benefits	500,332	524,788	524,788	635,128	663,555	138,767
Total Operating Expenses	17,962,336	20,939,157	20,939,157	21,195,246	20,478,967	(460,190)
Professional Services	623,824	403,017	403,017	414,386	403,017	0
Total Other Charges	1,166,323	1,238,098	1,238,098	1,487,440	1,488,947	250,849
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	1,061,492	1,334,219	1,334,219	1,710,844	1,710,844	376,625
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$24,560,575	\$27,586,808	\$27,586,808	\$28,713,001	\$28,035,126	\$448,318
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	94	92	92	92	92	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	94	92	92	92	92	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with Fees and Self-generated Revenues and Interagency Transfers derived from sales to state agencies, municipalities, parishes, non-profit organizations and sales of surplus farm products on the open market.

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$0	\$27,586,808	92	ACT 32 FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$27,586,808	92	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 20, 2001
\$0	\$62,919	0	Annualization of FY 2001-2002 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$0	\$71,390	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2002-2003
\$0	\$4,770	0	Risk Management Adjustment
\$0	\$1,710,844	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$1,334,219)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	\$174,431	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$151,725)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	(\$142,267)	0	Salary Funding from Other Line Items
\$0	\$45,592	0	Group Insurance Adjustment
\$0	\$1,507	0	Civil Service Fees
\$0	\$5,076	0	Cap on Compensatory Leave
\$0	\$28,035,126	92	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$0	\$28,035,126	92	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$0	\$28,035,126	92	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\$115,710	Management Consulting Contracts to provide economic impact studies on Prison Enterprises operations; provides information from milk weight and information for sound management of dairy operations; provides programming for the Prison Enterprises computers; provides forestry management consulting for timber operations
\$90,000	Engineering and Architectural Contracts to provide technical assistance for construction and expansion of Prison Enterprises operations
\$80,807	Veterinary Services for animals utilized in farm operations
\$116,500	Other Professional Services to provide for consultation regarding formulations of Hunt Soap Plant products; agronomy and entomology consulting for LSP farm; provide consultation regarding improvements of Prison Enterprises transportation; provide for forestry consultant services; provide consulting services to assist in the license plate operations for Puerto Rico; provide for agricultural consulting services; provide consultation on Prison Enterprises rangeherd operations
\$403,017	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OTHER CHARGES

\$11,477	Department of Civil Service
\$748	Comprehensive Public Training Program
\$42,319	Legislative Auditor
\$1,185,061	Inmate incentive wages
\$1,239,605	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
	Interagency Transfers:
\$172,814	Allocation to the Office of Risk Management
\$76,528	Allocation to the Office of Telecommunications
\$249,342	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$1,488,947	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$1,710,844	Replacement farming, print shop, soap plant, garment plant, furniture plant, mattress factory vegetable processing equipment and machinery; purchase tractor for LSP Rangeherd, vegetable packing machine for LSP vegetable processing plant, new equipment for Hunt soap plant, Allen furniture plant and LSP mattress, broom and mop factory; replace three (3) vehicles; roof replacement at main warehouse, garment and furniture plant, repairs to cotton picker and dozer, repair air conditioning at garment factory; floor, fence, freezer, pump and plant process equipment repairs.
\$1,710,844	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS